

Josef Baruhovic's Father Haim Baruhovic Outside His Home In Pristina



My father Haim Baruhovic is shown working outside our house in the garden in Pristina after the war during the 1950s.

After the war we moved into the remaining house we had in Pristina. A Turkish family was living there but left relatively shortly after our arrival, and we lived there until 1952.

An urban development plan legislated that our house was to be destroyed and our family was compensated to move out.

When we returned to Pristina after the war we went to synagogue on the holidays. Rabbi Josef Levi was the rabbi in Pristina at the time.

He had two or three helpers who helped with the service and his other duties. Religion and synagogue were not very popular then, but it was not forbidden.

My father continued fasting on Yom Kippur even after the war, but he could not give up smoking even for one day. What he did before the war I do not know.

In 1953 I left for Belgrade to begin my studies and graduated in 1959.

My mother and sister followed and then my father in 1958-59 after he retired. He died in Belgrade in 1972.